

change made in the law with reference to possession of marijuana. The Legislature, on the one hand, wanted to say marijuana was bad, but since so many students and others were using it, and so many statistics were being inflated by grabbing people who were using marijuana that they reduced the penalty to such an extent that if a person has a small amount sometimes they won't even be arrested for that, but if an officer wants to make an arrest, he's got the go-ahead to do so. In all of the drug laws there have been attempts to try to stop the flow of drugs. The temptation is to believe that if you put harsh punishments you can do it. That is not going to do it. Ronald Reagan is trying to get the Army, the Navy, the Merchant Marines, the Air Force and all branches of the military that might be able to do it to try to stop the flow of drugs into this country. What some of the law enforcement officers in Miami have said is that when I'm a detective, let's say I make \$2,000 a month catching drug pushers and I catch a drug dealer and he opens a suitcase and it's got more money than I ever saw in my life, you think somebody is going to tell me that I should leave that money alone and put this man in jail when if I put him in jail somebody else is just going to take his place, and that is the rationalization, and the hard drugs and the real drug traffic continues unabated. But we are going to pass this bill and we are going to catch some kids selling aspirins or giving soda, which is not going to hurt anybody, and give them to the criminal justice system and say we've really handled the problem and now we pat ourselves on the back and we go to sleep again, and the truly devastating drug traffic has not been touched in the least. We are dealing with a straw man here, and the Legislature is going to knock the straw man down. Most will go to sleep, but I won't. The next time I go to Westside I'm going to talk to the kids about this bill. Whatever the final form is I'm going to take some copies and distribute the bills to them and we'll discuss it. I'll ask them, is this the most serious problem that you have in this school with reference to drugs.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I can speculate on what the answer is, but I'll wait and see what they tell me. Then I'll come back to you. And if this is not the most serious problem, and yet we've given this much time to it, you'll see that sometimes it takes more effort to kill an mosquito than an